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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN STILL CONSIDERING IAEA BOG SEAT

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(S) Sergey Savelyev, MFA Section for International Security Director, told Poloff on June 9 that Kazakhstan has not yet made a decision as to whether it will pursue the open MESA seat on the IAEA Board of Governors. According to Savelyev, the MFA has sent instructions to its diplomatic mission in Vienna to investigate the procedures for candidacy. He also said that it will take several weeks for relevant agencies to review the issue and he asked Poloff when the deadline for application will be. Poloff responded that he did not know the answer but would find out. Finally, Savelyev noted that while the MFA is likely ready to endorse the idea in order to support the U.S., other agencies do not see any practical value for Kazakhstan to pursue a BOG seat.

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